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REMARKS

The undersigned acknowledges the courteous treatment received during the course of an interview held on Oct. 1, 2003.

During the interview in which the undersigned pointed out how the claims as amended and newly presented claims 17 and 18 distinguished over the art of record, it was noted that the new method claims 17 and 18 failed to recite the removal of an unacceptable polarized film in terms of a positive method step.

This amendment changes newly submitted independent claim 17 to remedy this situation.

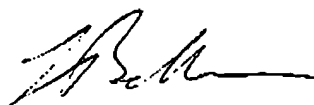
The Examiner noted that the method claims might be considered to be a nonelected species.

However, in the event the Examiner decides it is appropriate to examine the newly submitted method claims, and such claims are deemed to be allowable, the undersigned gives the Examiner authority to cancel the apparatus claims in order to obtain allowance of the application.

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned or Mr. Kroll if other changes are required to obtain allowance.

A favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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